

HOMELESSNESS

552. Mr A. KRSTICEVIC to the Minister for Community Services:

I have a supplementary question. Given the Premier's heartless refusal to meet with the homeless in his electorate, will the minister accept my invitation to meet with the homeless people of Rockingham?

Ms L.L. Baker interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Maylands, I call you to order for the first time.

Several members interjected.

The SPEAKER: May the shame follow her forever!

Ms S.F. McGURK replied:

I am not going to encourage the sort of politicisation and grandstanding that we are seeing from the member for those people in Rockingham.

Mr A. Krsticevic interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Carine!

Ms S.F. McGURK: I know that many MPs around this chamber provide very practical support in their electorate offices to people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. I know they do that. I know they receive them in their electorate offices and they try to put them in touch with the right supports. That is what is needed. We do have a lot of work to do across the state. We are putting in a lot of effort now, but unfortunately there is still unmet demand, and it is a very challenging area of policy work.

Mr A. Krsticevic interjected.

The SPEAKER: Member for Carine, I call you to order for the third time.

Ms S.F. McGURK: We are working through the supporting communities forum with the not-for-profit sector in a genuine co-design of a strategy to make sure, if we can get new resources, we put them in place where they are needed most; as I said, get people the right sort of accommodation and the right sort of supports over the long term.

The SPEAKER: That is the end of question time.